

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 868

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to honor D. M. "Pete" Gossett on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and rare devotion; and

WHEREAS, D. M. "Pete" Gossett is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 33 years with the University of Tennessee; during this time he has risen through the ranks in the agriculture department and served in various positions including: Vice-President of Agriculture, Dean, Assistant Dean, and Superintendent of the West Tennessee Experiment Station, Assistant Professor, and Extension Assistant Professor; and

WHEREAS, he earned his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Tennessee at Martin in General Agriculture, his Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois in Crop Physiology, and his Doctorate from North Carolina State University in Crop Physiology; and

WHEREAS, D. M. "Pete" Gossett exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Pete is an active and vital part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous civic organizations such as: the Governor's Council on Agriculture and Forestry, the National Association of Southern Universities and Land Grant Colleges, serving as President, Administrative Heads Section/Southern Region; the Southern Association for

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Agricultural Scientists, serving as President; the Tennessee Viticulture Advisory Board, the West Knoxville Rotary Club, the Knox County Farm Bureau, and many more; and

WHEREAS, he is also a valuable member of various honor societies including: Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Zeta, and Epsilon Sigma Phi; and

WHEREAS, Pete also takes time from a very busy schedule to enjoy the love and support that he receives from his wife, Marjorie Evans of Huntingdon, and son, John; and

WHEREAS, Pete's adroit qualities include the ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to D. M. "Pete" Gossett our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.